

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

DISCUSSION

In its decision in Fair Hearing No. 17,985 the Board ordered the Department to pay the petitioner GA that he had applied for in September 2002. It also advised: "If the

petitioner is still in need of further assistance, he is urged to reapply immediately at the PATH office." In response to the petitioner's recent filing, the Department represents that it paid the petitioner according to the Board's Order in Fair Hearing No. 17,985, that the petitioner has not filed any other application for GA since that time, and that the Department has no record of any adverse action regarding the petitioner since September 2002. The Board, itself, also has no record of any other appeal filed by the petitioner since its ruling in Fair Hearing No. 17,985.

The Department further represents that it has presently advised the petitioner to apply for GA and has offered to take his application at an "outpost" office it maintains in the petitioner's current town of residence, or, in the alternative, to have the petitioner designate a representative to apply for him. Although it appears that the petitioner is alleging that it is a physical and financial hardship for him to apply in person, to date he has not provided the Department or the Board with any medical verification that he is physically or mentally unable to do so.

ORDER

The petitioner's appeal is dismissed.

REASONS

W.A.M. § 2600A includes the following provision:

To have their eligibility for General Assistance considered, all applicants or their authorized representative must:

1. Submit a completed signed application each time they request assistance.
2. Have a face-to-face interview with the Eligibility Specialist, unless waived by the District Director.

In this case there is no indication that the petitioner has filed any application for GA since September 2002, or that he has had anyone else attempt to do so in his behalf. Nor is there any indication that his medical condition has prevented him from doing so. If and when the petitioner files a written application for such assistance, or if and when he submits medical documentation that he is unable to do so, and he is then aggrieved by an adverse decision from the Department, he can request a fair hearing before the Board. However, inasmuch as there is no indication that he has done so in the recent past, his present appeal must be dismissed. Fair Hearing Rule No. 1.

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